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Vigil Honor Recipients

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, or the camping program. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for Vigil Honor recommendation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members. Vigil Honor members have an honorable tradition to uphold.

## **Robert W. Baronovic**

Scouter Bob Baronovic is an excellent example of enthusiasm and dedication to the Scouting program. In his district, he has served as encampment advisor, training chairman, and Scoutmaster. He has been involved in numerous courses of the council's Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training programs. He has also demonstrated service to his chapter through service projects, camp promotion, and ceremonial teams. For his leadership and unwavering desire to serve others, we enthusiastically nominate Robert W. Baronovic for the Vigil Honor.

## **Roy J. Brooks**

Scouter Roy J. Brooks has displayed wholehearted dedication to Scouting and to the Order of the Arrow. He is currently serving as a ceremonial team adviser, a position which he has held for fourteen years. He has participated in multiple camporees, Klondike derbies, and training staffs. He has been awarded with the Scoutmaster's Key and the District Award of Merit. For his endless commitment to the Scouting Program, we proudly nominate Roy J. Brooks for the Vigil Honor.

## **John P. Costello**

Scouter John P. Costello has demonstrated his unselfish dedication to the Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. He has contributed to his chapter by helping ceremonial teams and as an elangomat. A District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver recipient, he has served five years as his district's roundtable commissioner and is currently serving as its camping chairman. For his endless dedication to the Scouting program, we sincerely nominate John P. Costello for the Vigil Honor.

## **Thomas J. Foley II**

Eagle Scout Thomas Foley has shown endless passion in service to the camping program in his council and his district. He has exhibited tireless dedication to staffing National Youth Leadership Training, district camporee, and Klondike derbies. He has served in his chapter as an elangomat and as a ceremonialist. He has also performed multiple camp promotions. For his enthusiasm, selfless attitude, and dedication to the Scouting program, we proudly nominate Thomas J. Foley for the Vigil Honor.

## **Matthew R. Geisman**

Eagle Scout Matt Geisman has proven his generosity and devotion to others in the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. His dedication has included service on the council's National Youth Leadership Training staff, Den Chief Conference staff, and several district camporee staffs. For the past two summers, Matt has served on our council's summer camp staff, including one summer as the camp Order of the Arrow coordinator. Beyond his multitude of staffing experiences, he has devoted his talents to the Order of the Arrow as the lodge elangomat chairman. For his unparalleled character and inspiring attitude, we wholeheartedly nominate Matthew R. Geisman for the Vigil Honor.

## **Dylan R. C. Gray**

Eagle Scout Dylan R.C Gray has shown his humble commitment and devotion to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. He has served his chapter on a ceremonial team and as first vice chief. He currently serves as chapter chief. He has participated in numerous service projects and has attended multiple section conclaves. For the past four years, he has served on the council's summer camp staffs, along with several of his district's camporee and Klondike staffs. For his endless dedication to Scouting and to the Order of the Arrow, we cheerfully nominate Dylan R.C. Gray for the Vigil Honor.

## **Steven J. Gruendler**

Scouter Steve Gruendler has proven his dedication to the Scouting program through selfless effort. When a troop at the Missouri School for the Blind was organized in his district, Steve stepped forward to become Scoutmaster. Demonstrating a life committed to cheerful service, he has now been with the troop for more than twenty years and has extended a camp experience for hundreds of special needs Scouts. For his tireless and passionate service to his troop, the Scouting program, and the Order of the Arrow, we wholeheartedly nominate Steven J. Gruendler for the Vigil Honor.

## **Larry W. Henderson**

Scouter Larry Henderson has shown exemplary service to his troop, chapter, and the Order of the Arrow. He has devoted time to his troop as Scoutmaster and has served as his chapter's elangomat adviser. Larry has attained the Silver and Gold Beyond Brotherhood awards as well as the extended elangomat award. He also happily volunteered as an Assistant Scoutmaster at the 2010 National Jamboree. For his outstanding contribution to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program, we eagerly nominate Larry W. Henderson for the Vigil Honor.

## **Glen L. Hervey**

Eagle Scout Glen Hervey has displayed his tireless devotion to his chapter and the Order of the Arrow. He currently serves as the lodge recording secretary. Previously, he has served his chapter as chief, as well as Brotherhood chairman and Ordeal chairman. He has worked numerous camporees, attended multiple fall reunions and section conclaves, and has participated in many chapter service projects. For his outstanding leadership and enthusiasm, we sincerely nominate Glen L. Hervey for the Vigil Honor.

## **Joshua J. Hill**

Eagle Scout Josh Hill devoutly serves with tireless effort to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. He has served as chapter chief for two consecutive years, leading his chapter to attain the Quality Chapter Award both years. Additionally, he has served four years on his chapter's ceremonial team. Josh has attended two section conclaves and a One Day of Service event. He exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law with a humble spirit and with modest determination. For his commitment to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting movement, we gladly nominate Joshua J. Hill for the Vigil Honor.

## **Joseph P. Kreienkamp**

Eagle Scout Joe Kreienkamp has developed an overwhelming passion for cheerful service in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Currently serving as his chapter's chief, Joe has also fulfilled the roles of chapter first vice chief and chapter secretary. He has actively promoted summer camp, performed on ceremonial teams, and earned his religious awards. Additionally, he has devoted himself through his service on the council's summer camp and National Youth Leadership Training staffs. For his outstanding character and commitment to our Order, we eagerly nominate Joseph P. Kreienkamp for the Vigil Honor.

## **Bruce A. Levitt**

Scouter Bruce Levitt has displayed tireless devotion to the Scouting program and the Order of the Arrow. He currently is serving his third year as chapter adviser. He selflessly gives of his time by participating in numerous service projects. Working to spread Scouting's values, he has supported his district on many camporee and training staffs. He serves on the council's religious relationships committee and is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. For his unwavering commitment and outstanding leadership, we wholeheartedly nominate Bruce A. Levitt for the Vigil Honor.

## **Susan J. Lindstrom**

Scouter Sue Lindstrom has served the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program as an outstanding example of cheerful service and selfless service. She has served on many camporee staffs and on the council's National Youth Leadership Training staff. She presently gives back to Scouting as a district commission. She has been presented with the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. For her selfless attitude and unrelenting dedication, we are honored to nominate Susan J. Lindstrom for the Vigil Honor.

## **Robert J. McRath**

Scouter Robert J. McRath has served the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program as an outstanding example of cheerful service and self-denial. He has tirelessly served twenty-nine years as Scoutmaster for his troop and currently dedicates time to his chapter as chapter adviser. He has volunteered as a 2010 National Jamboree staffer and has been awarded the prestigious District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award. For his continuous service to the Order of the Arrow and Brotherhood of Scouting, we wholeheartedly nominate Robert J. McRath for the Vigil Honor.

## **Cody J. Meinert**

Eagle Scout Cody J. Meinert has displayed cheerful selfless service and tireless dedication to the Order of the Arrow and his chapter. Cody has served on numerous camporee staffs, including leadership as campmaster. As his chapter's service chairman, Cody planned and organized an outstanding nine chapter service projects during his one-year term. He has truly shown that he understands the high ideals of the Order of the Arrow. Cody presently is serving as his chapter's secretary. For his continuous unselfish devotion and cheerful service we unreservedly nominate Cody J. Meinert for the Vigil Honor.

## **Janet L. Nelson**

Scouter Janet L. Nelson has demonstrated unselfish service to the Scouting program and her community. She has helped coordinate her troop's annual summer camp trip for more than twenty years. Janet has also provided leadership to her district and council on several camporee and National Youth Leadership training staffs. For her tireless devotion to the camping program and the Order of the Arrow, we emphatically nominate Janet L. Nelson for the Vigil Honor.

## **R. Dylan Palmer**

Eagle Scout Dylan Palmer has exemplified unselfish service and continual devotion to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. Dylan has worked as on the council's summer camp staff and for the past three summers at Philmont Scout Ranch. Beyond simply serving as a ceremonialist for the past seven years, he has helped build his chapter's ceremonial teams by encouraging and coaching many younger Scouts to establish and develop teams. For his constant dedication and selfless service to our Order, we proudly nominate R. Dylan Palmer for the Vigil Honor.

## **Samuel L. Picus**

Eagle Scout Sam Picus has displayed constant enthusiasm and dedication to the Order of the Arrow. He currently serves as the lodge camp promotion chairman and has previously served as his chapter's chief, second vice chief, and service chairman. He also has assisted his chapter through ceremonial teams, camp promotions, and service projects. For his unwavering dedication to the Scouting program, we heartily nominate Samuel L. Picus for the Vigil Honor.



## **Austin M. Smith**

Austin Smith has shown true dedication and unselfish service to his chapter and Scouting programs. He has staffed numerous camporees, attended multiple section conclaves, and has been an active ceremonialist in his chapter. Austin presently serves as his chapter's chief. Austin has assisted the Scouting community by working many years on National Youth Leadership Training staff in order to spread Scouting's values to others. For his cheerful attitude and dedication to the Scouting program, we enthusiastically nominate Austin M. Smith for the Vigil Honor.

## **Erik M. Veenstra**

Eagle Scout Erik Veenstra is a true example of an individual who embodies the principles of the Order of the Arrow in his everyday life. Currently serving his second term as chapter secretary, Eric has also fulfilled the role of chapter service chairman. His dedication to others is evident through his cheerful service on the council's summer camp, National Youth Leadership Training, and Leadership Outdoor Experience staffs. For his impressive example of servant leadership and selfless character, we proudly nominate Erik M. Veenstra for the Vigil Honor.

## **John B. Weltmer Jr.**

Scouter John Weltmer has demonstrated unselfish service to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. A veteran leader of four national and world jamborees troops, John has led his own troop by supporting our summer camp programs while earning the Scoutmaster's Key. For his service, he has been presented the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. For his dedication to the Scouting program, we cheerfully nominate John B. Weltmer Jr. for the Vigil Honor.

## **Ian A. Wohlstadter**

Ian A. Wohlstadter has shown true dedication and service in the scouting program and the Order of the Arrow. Currently acting as his chapter's chief, Ian has also represented his chapter as secretary. A veteran of summer camp and National Youth Leadership Training staffs, Ian has been an active ceremonialist for many years. His chapter recognized him with the Distinguished Arrowman Award for his efforts. For his dedication to and enthusiasm for the Order of the Arrow, we cheerfully nominate Ian A. Wohlstadter for the Vigil Honor.

## **Donna J. Yarbrough**

Scouter Donna Yarbrough has demonstrated tireless service to Scouting while exemplifying the high principles of the Order of the Arrow. For many years, she has provided essential adult guidance to youth camporee staffs. She has served in several roles in her chapter from elangomat adviser to Ordeal adviser. Donna has led her troop as scoutmaster for many years, and she has been awarded with the District Award of Merit. For her outstanding contributions to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program, we eagerly nominate Donna J. Yarbrough for the Vigil Honor.